

Alexandria Gazette.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 13, 1898.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Sun rises to-morrow at 4:40 a. m. and sets at 4:42 p. m.

Persons leaving the city for the summer can have the Gazette mailed to them at any address for 10 cents a week, the same price at which the paper is delivered in this city.

WATHER PROBABILITIES.—For this section rain to night and Thursday; northerly winds, becoming easterly.

WASTE PAPER.—The Alexandria correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says: "The overflow of waste paper challenges the authorities and makes it impossible to keep clear King street or any other of the business streets. The illegal and dangerous custom of burning the waste papers on the streets, which at one time afforded one method to abate the nuisance, was so carelessly done that the remedy became worse than the disease, and the mayor was constrained to enforce the law against street fires and forbid the throwing of paper upon the street. Yet the streets are strewn with papers, and the means of their removal, even when collected in boxes, is insufficient. It is probable some further action on the subject will be taken."

The casting of waste paper in the cemeteries and roads and lanes leading thereto is also reprehensible. People carry flowers, which are to be placed on graves, wrapped in newspapers, and after the packages have been opened the papers are cast into the nearest road, if they are not left in the cemetery, and are hurled in every direction by the wind. It would be no great hardship for the person after having decorated the graves of loved ones to fold the papers which covered the flowers and carry them away with them. There is but little excuse for this, and it is hoped the suggestions will cause a cessation of the practice which is probably due merely to thoughtlessness.

MINES TO BE REMOVED.—The Secretary of War yesterday ordered the removal of all the submarine mines which now protect the harbors of the United States against the entry of hostile ships. This action was decided upon at yesterday's cabinet meeting. After thoroughly considering the subject it was decided by the engineers that the safest and quickest way of removing the mines is by exploding them, and orders to do this have been prepared for transmission to all of the United States engineer officers in charge of the harbor defenses throughout the country. The effect of this action will be felt here by the removal of all the mines which were fixed in the Potomac in the vicinity of Fort Washington for the better protection of the national capital from attack by water.

It will be some days before the actual operation of removing or exploding the mines can be put in operation. Instructions for carrying into effect the decision of the cabinet will be sent out immediately. While the mines proper are to be removed, all the incidental attachments necessary to their installation and operation will be retained, such as the casemates, anchors, the cable connections and the switch boxes, so that if it is found necessary to replace the mines it may be done on the shortest notice.

POLICE COURT.—Mayor G. L. Simpson presiding.—The following cases were disposed of this morning:

Michael Daley, arrested by Officer Beach and Lyles, charged with stealing blankets from J. E. Golden, was fined \$5 or given 30 days on the chain gang. A young man, arrested by Officer Knight and Bettis, charged with larceny, was committed for examination.

Jessie Pop, arrested by Officer Howson, for selling malt liquor without a license, was fined \$10.

Lee Rodgers, arrested by Officer Beach, for selling malt liquor without a license, was fined \$10.

Annie Fisher alias Brantman, arrested for selling malt liquor without a license, was fined \$10.

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Night Report.—Last night was cloudy and cool. Two prisoners but no lodgers were at the station house.

PERSONAL.—Mr. S. Cooper Dawson, of Seminary Hill, is rusticiating at Virginia Beach.

Mr. Henry Entwistle and family are spending a few weeks in Fauquier county.

Mr. Morgan Moore is spending a month with his parents at Mt. Jackson. Messrs. L. C. Barley and C. C. Carlin, who have been spending several weeks at the Sweet Chalybeate Springs, have returned home.

Gen. G. W. C. Lee, who is now residing at Ravensworth, Fairfax county, was in the city to-day.

Mr. C. A. VanAelstyn, who for several years has conducted the confectionery and lunch establishment on King street, has disposed of the same and he will in a few days return to his former home in the State of Washington.

SEMINARY TRUSTEES.—The trustees of the Episcopal Theological Seminary met here to-day in St. Paul's Church lecture room. Among those present were Bishops Whittlesey, Randolph Gibson and Peterkin.

The object of the meeting was to elect a professor at the Seminary in place of Rev. A. S. Lloyd, of Norfolk, who was elected at the last meeting, but who declined to accept the position.

A professor was elected, but it was decided not to make public his name until he could be informed of his election.

DR. McGUIRE DECLINES.—The secretary of the board of managers of the Alexandria Infirmary, Miss Alice E. Colquhoun, is in receipt of a letter from Dr. McGuire declining his appointment to serve on the medical staff of the institution, on account of duties which demand so much of his time that he cannot do justice to the staff work. He expresses cordial interest and sympathy in the institution, and his high appreciation of the work done in it, and regrets his inability to accept the position tendered him by the board.

The lawn party that is being held at the corner of Prince and Patrick streets will be removed to the yard of Mrs. Warren, on south Alfred street, and will be continued Friday and Saturday nights.

CITY COUNCIL.

More than the usual interest was manifested in the meeting of the City Council last night from the fact that the election of a Police Commissioner from the Third Ward was on the calendar. Capt. Herbert Bryant's term expiring on the first proximo. It had been known for some time that Capt. G. A. Mushbach was to be his competitor, and friends of both gentlemen had been eagerly at work in the interests of their respective champions. As will be seen below the balloting resulted in the re-election of Capt. Bryant by a vote of 14 to 9. The other business transacted was mostly of a routine nature and devoid of general interest.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The board was called to order shortly after eight o'clock by President Marbury. Seven members were present, Mr. Sweeney being absent.

The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and adopted, some unfinished business came up, among it the ordinance compelling the electric railroad company to put down improved rails on King street, between Royal and Fairfax; also to pave within their tracks and two feet on each side of the same with vitrified brick. The action of the Common Council in passing the same was concurred in unanimously without debate. The ordinance providing for the repaving of the above square with vitrified brick, also passed by the Common Council, was read the third time and passed unanimously.

The resolution appropriating \$300 for the improvement of north Payne street, passed by the Common Council at the last meeting, was next read.

Mr. Smoot moved that the resolution be recommitted to the committee on streets, as he understood a majority was not present when a favorable report was ordered.

Mr. Haverer seconded the motion. Mr. Ballenger asked how many of the committee were present when the resolution was considered.

Mr. Curtin said there were two at the meeting. He did not think a vote was taken, and in order that all could be agreed he thought a recommitment would be the best course.

Mr. Ballenger said he had no objection to recommitting the resolution. He merely asked for information.

Mr. Smoot's motion prevailed. Mr. Smoot asked to be excused after the joint session had been held. His request was granted.

Some new business which will be found in the official proceedings, was then presented and transacted without debate, while a number of petitions, &c., (including a resolution that when Council adjourns it be to meet on the second Tuesday in October) which had been acted upon by the lower board, were received and their action concurred in.

Mr. Greene, from the Common Council, appeared in the chamber and invited the Aldermen to meet that body in joint session for the purpose of electing a Police Commissioner from the Third Ward and upon their return Mr. E. S. Leadbeater appeared outside the bar and asked that a joint session of the two boards be held in order that he could deliver a address to them.

The President directed Mr. Ballenger to proceed to the chamber of the Common Council and inform them of Mr. Leadbeater's request. Mr. Ballenger soon returned and stated that the Common Council was ready to meet in joint session in order to hear Mr. Leadbeater, and the Aldermen again proceeded to the chamber of the lower board. Upon their return the board, on motion of Mrs. Ballenger, adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.

A cooler atmosphere prevailed in the Council chamber last night than has prevailed before at a July meeting for many years. From a block away on the other side of the Market square came the stentorian voice of an evangelist calling the city authorities to repent of their sins.

Mr. Brill introduced an ordinance authorizing the Police Commissioners to appoint three additional policemen to serve during the time when other policemen are on vacation.

Mr. Smith urged that the present needs made the ordinance a timely one.

Mr. Greene said that the influx of soldiers into the city rendered it especially needful for the protection of the community, especially ladies, that the police force be kept up to its full standard.

Mr. Usher called attention to the fact that when the police board asked for and received four additional privates of police it was with the distinct understanding that readymen should not be required and no extra men employed. He thought that if the Mayor or the Police Commissioners considered these additions necessary they would so report to Council, and then the subject could be considered.

Mr. Smith urged that as the floating population of the city has increased from 500 to 1,000 by reason of the camps near by, more policemen were needed especially when a portion of the police were off on vacation.

Mr. Trimyer urged that the Mayor had full authority and discretion to appoint additional policemen if he deemed it necessary.

Mr. Greene said the measure was merely a precautionary one, and would cost very little.

Mr. White moved to lay the ordinance on the table, which was agreed to, yeas 10, nays 4.

The chairman submitted the annual report of the sinking fund commissioners, showing a balance in hand of \$14,758.88. In presenting the statement he said the receipts from market rents were \$351 less this year than for the year ending May 31, 1897, caused by the loss of two butchers at \$120 per year each, and one butcher at \$90; and less from fish bench \$44. The only resources of the commissioners are from rents. Four years ago the commissioners surrendered \$112,000, which saved the city more than \$4,630 interest, and then the commissioners started fresh; yet the Auditor's statement shows the assets of the city to be \$14,758.88, of which \$8,000 draws 6 per cent. interest. Mr. Snowden said the sinking fund commissioners have been very successful in paying all its own expenses and keeping insured the market houses. His purchases during the past year amounted to \$5,300 in 6 per cent. city bonds.

JOINT MEETING.

The Aldermen responded to the Council's invitation to unite in convention to elect a Police Commissioner from the Third Ward.

Alderman Hinken nominated Capt. Herbert H. Bryant.

Mr. B. B. Smith nominated Capt. Geo. A. Mushbach.

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